

30 April 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Post Office and Civil Service Committee Hearing on
H.R. 1870, H.R. 1161, and H.R. 1989, Identical Bills
Relating to Suspension of Employment In The Interest Of
National Security

1. The undersigned attended the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee hearings this morning held in Room 225 of the Old House Office Building. Opening remarks were read into the record by Chairman Tom Murray and Representative Rees. Representative Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, was the first individual to testify. Since Representatives Murray, Rees, and Walter would be available later, questioning by the Committee was withheld.

2. Mr. Loyd Wright of Los Angeles, California, formerly Chairman of the Commission on Government Security, appeared as the second witness. Representative John Lesinski requested Mr. Wright to prepare himself on the objections presented during the last session of Congress to the proposed Bills in order that he might be able to discuss those objections more fully with the Committee. Mr. Wright indicated he would be pleased to do so.

3. The remarks of the Committee members speaking on behalf of the Bill and the two witnesses who appeared this morning were to the effect that the Supreme Court in the case of Cole v. Young had changed the sense of the original legislation restricting security terminations to cases involving sensitive positions. It was their opinion that the new legislation must be passed by Congress in order to provide that "any person" as opposed to "any person in a sensitive position" might be terminated under the provisions of the proposed Bills.

4. The hearing adjourned until 10 a.m., Friday due to the meeting of the House of Representatives.

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